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Status of Electrification Work
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of status of Talcher-Sambalpur doubling and electrification work of Railway line;

(b) the details of funds so far sanctioned, released and expenditure incurred;

(c) whether the Railways have fixed any time schedule for completion of these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of estimated cost and the details of cost escalated due to delay in completion of both of these projects;

(e) whether the Railways have conducted any study to find out the losses suffered by Railways due to non-completion and operation of these two projects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways to complete these projects in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a)& (b): (i) On Talcher-Sambalpur(174 Km) doubling project, work has been taken up in phases. In Phase-I, earthwork & Bridge-work, in 90 Km section have been taken up. An expenditure of "77.68 crore has been incurred on the project upto March 2015 and `194 crore has been allocated in the Budget 2015-16.

(ii) Sambalpur-Talcher Electrification: Talcher-Angul section has already been electrified and work of Sambalpur-Angul electrification (156 Km) was sanctioned in 2012-13. Work on Part-I from Angul to Bamur(84 km) has been taken up and OHE tender has been awarded. OHE Tender has also been awarded for Part II from Bamur to Sambalpur(72 Km). An expenditure of `34.23 crore has been incurred on the project upto March 2015 and `55 crore has been allocated in the Budget 2015-16.

(c) to (f): The estimated/sanctioned cost of the project are `1112 crore for Talcher-Sambalpur doubling and `198.65 crore for Electrification. Since Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects and limited overall availability of funds, it has not been possible to provide adequate funds to all the projects on a regular basis which is a pre-requisite for fixing time-lines. Therefore, the concept of escalation of cost and notional loss is not applicable.

However, to complete the project in a time-bound manner outlay has been substantially increased in 2015-16. Further, co-ordination meetings with State Govt. at various levels, for expeditious land acquisition have been conducted.
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